Dear Paul, 9/23/83

Your 9/18 and enclosures are interesting, thanks. I started reading them on my rest periods during my morning's walking therapy. I'll probably finish them doing this tomorrow. I've written Melanson (enclosed) about his CIA police piece, with some mention of Herman Kimsey et al that may interest you.

We deal with Tom Davis, thanks, and know of him. Your xeroxing rates are much better than here but shipping costs would eat up the difference. With the volume I'd need offset is definitely better and it can be done locally, but at high rates. No volume for that business.

About Abby Shaw: why not ask him? What he might say now might be interesting. And I'd be surprised if there is not more info and he could not add more. Remember, Hal's Kaffka also was a symbol informer. (Anything new or any word from or about Hal, who phoned me some years back, said he would write, and then remained silent.)

The several informer documents I sent you years ago, of your student days and of the time, as I recall, of Oswald in New Orleans, may well have been CIA records. One was a security report that appeared to have been turned in by a guard and I think there was an informer's report of some kind. I'm pretty sure it referred to my coming O in NO. Perhaps to Coup D'Etat.

Rosenbaum phoned me about an assassination piece he was doing for the anniversary but made no mention of his coming mole piece in Harper's. I never get to the part of town where the only decent collection of magazines is but I'll try to remember for this one. If there is nothing more on Nosenko in Salisbury's book than the KGB plot to sicken him, I'll not try to find a copy that will probably be too expensive for me anyway.

Re 113: my recollection is that Lardner told me that Hoover annotated a DeLoach report on Ford's finkery with "Ford's a toad."

Re Clark's HSCA take from the FBI: the most recent batch is FBIHQ records, not at all complete, relating to the bugging of Dan Rowan and Phylis McGuire. Nothing new in them except FBI withholdings to protect the CIA. The FBI's disclosed investigation was something less than a full court press.

I didn't get Tony March's Ramsey rebuttal.

You sent me the first page only (enclosed) of Hersh's piece The Pardon.

Epstein's piece on the OSS in his review of the book is for him very fair. The worst penetrartion of OSS Secret Intelligence of which I know was when and where his friend Angleton was, in Italy. The Nazi's got a high percentage of our teams. OSS had some real accomplishments and Donovan was utterly devoted to the men under him. Conservative that he was, he had to go (I don't know that he didn't want to) because he did not have the cold war phobia that had already begun to make our intelligence sick. He recruited and used Communists because they were Communist and could do - and did do- what he wanted done.

I didn't credit Aleman or his testimony before he flipped out overtly and believed then that he was not rational. But look at what he got started, and what Blakey was really up to. And what he did after Blakey used him!

Thanks and best wishes,